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Docket No.: 9312.52

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Serial No.: 10/731,874)) Art Unit
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Filed: December 09, 2003))
)) Conf. No.
For: VALVE SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR)) 6740
 UNHEADING A COKE DRUM)
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Examiner: Alexa A. Doroshenk))

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION under 37 CFR 1.114

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Greetings:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.114 Applicant respectfully provides the following and requests continued examination.

In the matters captioned Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation v. Z&J Technologies GMBH & Zimmermann & Jansen, Inc., Case No. 2:06-cv-02402-SJO-JTL in the Central District of California, filed April 19, 2006, and Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation v. Velan, Inc., Case No. 5:04-cv-01157-OLG-JWP in the Western District of Texas, filed December 16, 2004, allegations of inequitable conduct and invalidity have been raised against parent patents of the current application. As a result, Applicant wishes to comply with any potential obligation under MPEP 2001.06(c) and further wishes to submit additional prior art.

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Applicant previously submitted on July 26, 2006 the following documents: 1) an Information Disclosure Statement which contains several U.S. patent references, along with several non-patent references, 2) copies of court pleadings and orders from the above-mentioned litigation showing assertions of the current owner of the parent patents, Curtiss-Wright Flow Control Corporation, and of other parties to the litigation, namely Velan, Inc. and Z&J Technologies GMBH and Zimmermann & Jansen, Inc. Applicant hereby requests that these documents be considered in conjunction with this Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant also previously submitted on July 26, 2006 a fee representing the fee for a petition to withdraw from issue, the fee for continued examination, and the fee for consideration of an Information Disclosure Statement. As Applicant has been notified by the Office that the submission on July 26, 2006 had deficiencies, Applicant hereby requests that the fee paid on July 26, 2006 be applied to this Request for Continued Examination.

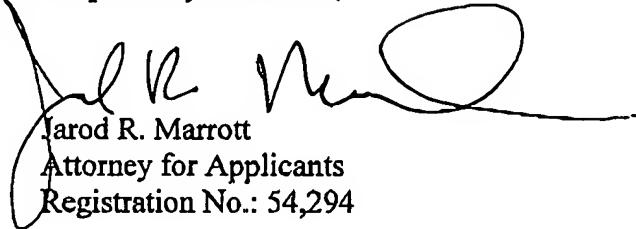
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CONCLUSION

If the Examiner has any questions or concerns regarding this communication, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

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